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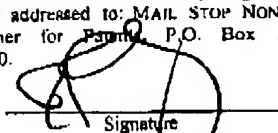
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the office action dated June 19, 2003 in the above-referenced patent application (the "Office Action") after careful consideration to address the issues raised therein and to highlight why the case is believed to be in condition for allowance.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.